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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CREMONA ET AL.

Examiner

Cam N Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/08/03 (a divisional application of 09/968,377, which is U.S. pat. 6,683,021)
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/968,377.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 13-18 are objected to because of the following informalities:
 - A. In claim 13, line 1-2, "including" should be changed to --comprising--.
 - B. In claim 13, line 2, "volatile compound" should be changed to --volatile organic compounds--.
 - C. In claims 14-17, line 1, "method" should be changed to --process-- (for consistency with the language of claim 13).
 - D. In claims 14-17, line 1, "including" should be changed to --comprising--.
 - E. In claim 17, line 2, "starchiometric" should be changed to --stoichiometric--.
 - F. In claim 18, line 1, "of the" should be changed to --for the--.
 - G. In claim 18, line 2, "including" should be changed to --comprising--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 (Second Paragraph)

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claim 16 recites the limitation "the solid state polycondensation of aromatic polyester resins" in line 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Singh et al., "hereinafter Singh", (US Pat. 5,260,248).

Singh discloses an oxidation catalyst consisting essentially of at least about 40 weight percent manganese, preferably from about 40 to 60 weight percent manganese; from about 1 to about 25 weight percent, preferably from about 8 to about 12 weight percent lanthanum; from about 5 to about 20 weight percent, preferably from about 12 to about 16 weight percent copper; and from about 20 to about 30 weight percent, and preferably from about 23 to about 29 weight percent oxygen (see col. 3, ln 43-53). The disclosed oxidation catalyst is suitable for the destruction of VOCs and other organic pollutants in a gaseous form (see Singh at col. 3, ln 35-37 & col. 4, ln 33-39).

The claimed CuO, MnO, and rare-earth oxides weight percents are met by the teaching of the reference since the disclosed amounts fall within the claimed amounts (see Singh at col. 3, ln 43-53).

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Singh discloses the claimed method for the combustion of hydrocarbons using the claimed oxidation catalyst, thus anticipates the claim.


Conclusion

7. Claims 13-18 are originally pending in the application. Claims 13-18 are objected. Claims 16-18 are rejected. No claims are allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Cam Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 am. to 6:00 pm, with alternative Monday off.

The appropriate fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to telephone number (571) 272-1700.



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Primary Examiner

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